Amelia Sheehan is a tall, well-formed, muscular woman, and a few years ago her preposessing face was frequently seen on the Harlem River, as she sat in a shell and drove it through the water with a speed that made many a plucky carsanan tired to feilow her. She led the filest of rowers in a number of regettas that were gotten up for women only, and an upright plane, several gold watches and a number of medals were the prizes brought to her by her skill. But her pride was not in her strength. One word spoken about the beauty of the fine auburn han that fell gracefully over her shoulders caused her to forget her muscular power, for her hair was her chief pride. A vacancy having occurred in the keepership of the Female Alcoholic Ward at Bellevue Hospital, about four years ago, Miss Sheehan was appointed to fill the position. She became a favorite at once with all the employes at Reilevae and rendered excellent service in her department. She was able to manage the women in her charge who were crazed by run by her veice and imposing presence and never resorted to violence. It soon became known among the hospital attendants that Miss Sheehan had an unusual fondness for her hair, and seeing that it pleased her to have it noticed, one and all took occasion to speak to her frequently about its color and quantity. She wore itcoiled in a large bunch at the back of her head, and it was cut in front so that it hung in ringlets upon her forehead.

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After a while it was noficed by those who saw Miss sheehan that the color of her hair was changing from a reddish frown to a bionde color and it finally became the golden shade that is used to inspire the misse of poets. She was frequently seen washing and drying her bair in the ward and she had a number of bottles of hair wash on a shelf in her room. This change in color added to the personal attractiveness of Miss Sheehan and the subject was frequently discussed in her presence, much to her delight, and she kept on washing her hair and it kept on growing lighter. During the last six months, whenever Miss Sheehan went to visit her father and her brothers there was a strangeness and restraint in her actions that made her appear like a different garl from the merry-hearted one that used to row her boat from Ward's Isiand over to the city with her father, who was the gardener on the island. But it was not until about two months ago that there was any change noticed in her actions a the hospital. For a long time she had had that all people who take care of the made acquire, but as it nothing was thought of it. Miss Sheehan first began to complain of terrible headaches after cambing er hair in the morning, and during the day won'd frequently hold her beadighhily bortween her hands. Though advised to take one of the complain of terrible headaches after cambing er hair in the morning, and during the day won'd frequently hold her beadighhily bortween her hands. Though advised to take one of the complain of terrible headaches after cambing er hair in the morning and during the day won'd frequently hold her beadighhily bortween her hands. Though advised to take one of the cambination of the complain of the cambination of

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Frederick Gay, a feeble colored man over eighty years old, was taken to Bellevne Heepital on Saturday in an ambulance from Sullivan-st. For the forty years that he has been in this city he had no place that he could call home. He was raised as a slave in Cuba, and fifty years ago was set free by his master. The only friend that he ever had was an old colored woman, homeless like himself, and they used to travel the streets together, sleeping anywhere that a nook could be found. Charitably disposed persons gave them food and money, and they appeared to be happy in their loneliness and misery. The old woman died a few years ago, and her partner was disconsolate. The keenness of his grief was assuaged considerable by about \$3,000 that the old woman had gathered and saved during her long life. It was planted in the ground in various places.

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The Rev. Mr. Reed, of the Sullivan Street Church, who has known this old negro and his circumstances for many years, called at Bellevue Hospital yesterday and told Captain Nicord, of the day watch that a large part of this \$3,000 was probably in the old man's clothing. An orderly was sent for him and he was brought from the hospital lodging-house to the reception room. Then he was searched. There was nothing found in his pocket save a small round tin box. The old man's eyes brightened when this was discovered and he wouldn't let any one have it. Being assured that it would be given back to him, it was opened and a piece of bright, new-appearing parchment was found. It was in Spanish and told the story of his emancipation from slavery. He had carefully kept it in the tin box from the day when it was given to him by his old master, and he was delighted when it was returned to him. The search was continued, and under his outer garments was found a strap pulled tightly around his waist, from which two long leather bags were suspended. When touched there was the jingle of coin. The old man protested against their being opened, and it was believed that there was a large amount of money there. But when he found out that his companions in the lodging-house were tramps he was willing togive over his money bags. The clerk eagerly examined them, and was astonished to find just \$11 in silver. Where the rest of his money was the old negro refused to disclose. He was sent back to the lodging-house, holding fast to what he called his "emancipation proclamation."

The patrons and members of the Mount Sinai Hospital held their regular annual meeting yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the hospital, at Lexington-ave, and East Sixty-sixth-st. The number of applicants during the past year was reported to be 3:908. Of these 2,282 were treated, 1.111 were cured, 663 were discharged greatly redeved, 135 were not helped, and 190 died. Of the whole number of patients nearly 95 per cent were treated grainitous y. The expenses for last year were \$61,046 89; the total receipts were \$98,942 15; \$16,300 being in legacies. Every year since the foundation of the institution it has been sadly pressed to find accommodation for the applicants. Last year an additional story was built at a cost of \$13,000, giving fourteen more rooms. But with this additional room it was soon found that the hospital could by no means receive all applicants, and new rooms must be had soon. In view of the great work done by the society with limited means, its financial condition is considered encouraging. But with more applicants than can be accommodated and whose number is steadily increasing, the society's funds are not nearly adequate to carry out its purposes. The growth of the institution may be seen from the following figures: In 1873, the year of foundation, the number of patients was 874, the current expenses being \$31,266 07; in 1885 the number was 2,282 and the expenses \$61,046 89.

The following officers were elected: President, Hyman Blum; vice-president, Isaac Wallach; treasurer, Samuel M. Schaffer; directors for four years, Henry Gitterman, Solomon Sommerich, L. M. Hornthal and Simon Rothschild. GOOD WORK DONE AT MT. SINAI HOSPITA.

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People went about yesterday with looks of uncertainty and unhappiness on their faces. They were uncertain as to the prospects of snow, but they were certain that they had been tempted out of the house by deceptive sunshine into a moist, unpleasant atmosphere that prophesied snow as distinctly as ever Wiggins did in his palmiest day. The deceit ul sunshine had brought them out, too, without any preparation for the actual "rawness" and possible snow. The mercury bobbed up and down all day, a few points on either side of freezing temperature, like a high-priced stock under the manipulations of a big operator, and the snow

INSANE OVER HER FINE HAIR came not. When the sun retired from police duty, the stars came out to make the clouds "keep off the grass," so that though the day was gray and the night black, the sky was always, blue and clear, and there was no obvious reason why the weather should not have been pleasant instead of unquestionably disagreeble as it was. The wind blew lightly from the northwest, and only occasionally picked up the dust over the recently laid streeters tracks and blew it in the eyes and mouths of church press.

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The wind blew over a tall chimney on the Evangelical Home for Aged, in Fairfax-st, near Broadway, Brooklyn, in the morning, and in falling it crasined through the roof of the brush factory of Alfred E. Coates, causing damage amounting to \$300.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY. Sale of Western Union property to meet tax claims, sheriff's Office, 10:30 a. a. Board of Esumate and Apportionment, City Hall. Hearing of charges against Excise Commissioners

Glisey House.

Investigation of Aqueduct accidents by Westchester Grand Jury, White Plains.

Joseph Schwarzier assault case, Harlem Police Court, 10 a. m.
Sale of scats for American Opera season.

Aunual meeting of church Extension and Missionary Society, No. 805 Broadway, 4 p. m.

Baptist Preachers' and Reformed Pastors' meetings, 10 a. m.

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Opening of American Opera season, Academy of
Music,
Christmas Festival, Pilgrim Congregational Church,

Christmas Festival at Foundling Asyium.
Christmas Festival, Church of St. John the Evangelist, ening. Executive Committee of Irish Parliamentary Fund, iofiman House, evening. Ralph Modjeska-Mass Felicia Benda marriage.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Twenty-seven arrests were made yesterday for nelations of the Sunday excise law. The steamship City of Savannah, which arrived yesterday from Savannah, was delayed about twenty-four hours by the high sea and heavy northeast wind which prevailed off the coast. CHRISTMAS TREE FOR CHURCH CHILDREN

Christmas The E for Christmas the Christmas in the Twenty-fourth street Methodist Episcopal Church on Christmas night will be repeated to-morrow evening and the children of the Sunday-school will be treated to the joys of a Christmas tree.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION FOR YOUNG MEN.
The Harlem brauch of the Young Men's Christian
sociation will hold a public reception on New
Year's Day from 2 p. m. tid 10 p. m., at its rooms,
No. 150 East One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st.

BROOKLYN.

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The annual renting of the pews in Plymouth Church will take place at 7 p. m. on Tuesday, January 5.

A gust of wind at noon on Saturday blew away Young Hyson, Oolong and kindred teas worth \$75 from the open chests in front of tea store at High and Fallon six.

The customary collections for the Saturday and Sunday Hospital Association were taken in many churches yesterday, and it is estimated that the amount received exceeded the aggregate collection last year, when \$2,006 18 were secured.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

ARRESTED FOR LOUDLY CLAIMING HIS WIFE. ARRESTED FOR LOUDLY CLAIMING HIS WIFE.

A young man, age eighteen, was arrested late on Saturday uight in Orange, N. J., for disorderly conduct, the was standing in front of the house of Michael Healey, calling loudly that Healey's daughter should be given up to him, as she was his wife, having been married to him a week ago. He was locked up at the police station, but was released yesterday afternoon, when his parents together with Healey and his wife appeared at the station and expressed their willingness to permit the couple to live together. They stipmlated, however, that there should be another marriage, and accordingly the couple were reunited by the Rev. H. P. Fleming.

Bishop Wigner, of the Roman Catholic Directs of Newark, who returned from a visit to Rome a few days ago, formally blessed a new chime of ten I ells placed in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church at Newark yester-day at 3 p. m., and in the evening he preached at St. Patrick's Cathedral to an overflowing congregation, giv-ing an interesting account of his trip abroad and his visit to the Pope.

MASONS CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN. MASONS CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN.

The feast of St. John was celebrated yesterday by the
Masonic lodges of Newark and its vicinity. Early in the
evening the lodges assembled at designated places atitred in regalia and marched to a meeting place at
Bread and Mechanic sts. and thence went to St.
stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Clinton-ave,
where the rector, the Rev. Edwin Smail, delivered a discourse on "The Symbolism of Solomon's Temple." The
curch was crowded and the discourse was listened to
with deep interest. with deep interest.

The newspaper ment Jersey City hold a meeting on Saturday hight and organized the New-Jersey Press Cith, an association to which every newspaper man in the State will be eligible. The officers elected were Daniel Moakhon, president; C. W. Gessner, first vice-president; Albert Hodman, second vice-president; William G. German, recording secretary; John P. McCormick, corresponding secretary; W. H. Wall, treasurer; J. B. Burr, librarian; M. Mullone, K. Pangborn, W. E. Sackett, Hugh F. McDermett and Joseph M. Noonan, board of managers.

NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

ELIZABETH.—James McManns, age twenty-four, a resident of Adamsville, was struck by the 6:26 p.m. Eastbound local train on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad on Saturday night at the Elizabethport Station and was mangled in a shocking manner. McManns with a companion, Miohael Ryan, of Bound Brook tried to hoard the train. Ryan got on safety, but McManns missed his hold and was thrown under the wheels. His right arm and left leg were cut off.

BOONTON, "The proprietors of the Boonton Iron Works, which have been idle for twelve years, have announced their attention of starting the works again on Wednesday. Twenty-five nail machines will be started. BRIDGETOS. The Cumberland Iron and Coal Com-pany has given notice that a 5 per cent reduction in the wages of their employes will be made on January 1 About two months ago the company amounced that a similar reduction would be made the following week but the employes made such strong objections that it was not carried into effect.

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BLISSVILLE.—James Shields, age forty-five, of North
Ninth and First-sts., Williamsburg, was employed as
nightwatchman in James D. Reary's dredge, lying in
Newtown Creek near the Greenpointbridge. On Christmas evening he drank in several liquor stores. He was
not seen after leaving the last one until yesterday morning, when his body was found in the creek. It is supposed that after reaching the diedge he walked overhoard and was drowned. He leaves a wife and three
cabilities.

JAMAICA.-William Fitzgerald, age sixty-five, an old and wealthy resident of the village distributes. and wealthy resident of the village, died yesterday at his home from injuries received on Saturday evening by being crushed between a car and the railroad station platform.

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Captain 'McCullagh made another descent on the stale heer "dives" in Mulberry-st. last night. Assisted by Sergeant Colegrove, Roundsman Byrnes and the platoon off daty, he surprised the inmates of the dens about 8 o'clock last night. The result of the visit wan eighty-six prisoners in the Elizabeth Street Station before 9 o'clock. Of the prisoners if thy were men and thirty-six women. They were divided in the different places as follows: Eighteen from No. 35, fitteen from No. 37, eighteen from No. 41, thirty-two from No. 59, and three from No. 65 Mulberry-st. At No. 59 Sergeant Colegrove found one man half-way up a chimney. He was hauled nown all covered with soot. Among the prisoners at No. 59 was Guiseppe Rossa, a full-hooded negro, who could not speak a word of English. He was Italian, and did not claim relationship with O'Donovan Rossa. One man had to be carried bodily from No. 35, and was far gone with delirium tremens.

A STORY ABOUT A LABOR DEMAND DENIED. At the meeting of the Central Labor Union resterday, at No. 192 Second-ave., the statement that a demand had been made on Straiton & Storm to repay a part of the S14.000 expended by the Cigarmakers, Propulse of the S14.000 expended by the Cigarmakers, Propart of the \$14,000 expended by the Cigarmakers' Progressive Union in boycotting them was denied. There has been a pilt in the Progressive Union. A majority of the members have applied for admission to the Cigarmakers' International Union, but the irreconcilables still stick to their own organization. It was reported that the colored waiters are to be organized. The bakers reported that in Engler's bakery, at No. 379 Biecckerst, the men are paid \$8 a month and have to work twenty hours on Saturday.

A NEWLY ARRIVED GERMAN GIRL MISSING. Caroline Kienzel arrived here on the steam-Caroline Kienzel arrived here on the steam-ship Rhein from Bremen on October 26. She was met at Castle Garden by her brother, William Kienzel, who took her to his home at No. 86 Norfolk-st. where she stayed until November 26, when she obtained a position as servant in the family of Moritz Seckel, at No. 154 East Seventy-ninth-st. She remained in the employ of Mr. Seckel until November 29 when she left the nouse about 10 o'clock in the evening, and although search has been made for her and the case put in the hands of the voices she has not been seen since. She is a German, police, she has not been seen since. She is a German, twenty-two years old, about five feet four inches tall with fair hair and is rather stoutly built. Neither her brother nor the persons with whom she lived can assign

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED. The Coroner was iinformed yesterday that Edward Saxadon, a Frenchman, age sixty-live, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning at No. 114 Fifth-ave, where he was stopping with a friend, Cornelius Kingsland. An investigation showed that he had died of heart disease. Mr. Saxadon was at one time keeper of one of the public stores in Brooklyn and lived at No. 576 Willoughby-st., Brooklyn.

THE POLICE DON'T KNOW OF SUCH A THEFT. Captain Clinchy, who was on duty at Police Headquarters yesterday, received a communication from Chief of Police Childs, of Providence, R. I., asking if Harvey G. Allen was wanted here for stealing \$3,000 worth of diamonds. He had been arrested there, having confessed to such a theft. No such theft has been reported to the police here and Chief Childs was so in-

SCRAPS OF LOCAL POLITICS.

A BIG FIGHT FOR A SMALL OFFICE.

The special election to be held in the Vith District on Tuesday next to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Assemblyman-elect Hall promises to be a lively one. So far there are five candidates in the race with a possibility of a sixth being placed in nomination. The candidates thus far named are Warden Philip Kiernas, of Ludlow Street Jail, who has been nominated by Tammany Hall and "indorsed" by Irving Hall; William McEntec, the candidate of the County Democracy; William J. Ellis, who has been placed in the field by a citizens' organization; James Whiting, the candidate of the Typographical Union; and James Merrick, who is running independently. The Republicans have piaced no one in the field as yet but Adam German is talked of and may be nominated to-day.

The clances favor "Phil" Klernan at present. There is an unconfirmed rumor that "Becky" Jones is coming down to electioners for the warden, whose gueets he was for so many months. William J. Ellis was for several sessions the correspondent of the Associated Press at Albany. He is young and popular, and has the support of many of the young men of the district. The children have learned to look on him as a youthful Santa Claus. He has carried with him a supply of confectionery and this he has dispensed with a lavish hand. If the women and children could vote. Ellis would be sent to Albany by a handsome plurality.

The district is so overwhelmingly Democratic that there is not much chance for a Republican unless he is a popular German. German's friends say that he answers this requirement. Congressman "Thm "Campbell has came from Washington to take a hand in the fray. He and ex-Alder man Farley are warking hard for Klernan. A BIG FIGHT FOR A SMALL OFFICE.

EXAMINING ELECTION RETURNS.

The Republican Investigating Committee are engaged examining the returns of the last and previous elections in the endeavor to ascertain why the vote for Republican local candidates fails below that for State officers. It will be sometime before the committee is ready to report.

WARDEN KIERNAN'S SUCCESSOR. James P. Keating, transcript clerk in the Corporation A torney's office, it is believed, will be the new warden of Ludlow Street Jail, succeeding Philip Kiernan, who is a candidate for Assemblyman from the Vith District.

NEW PLAN FOR UNDERGROUND WIRES. The Electrical Subway Commissioners have the matter of underground wires under consideration now, but it seems doubtful whether they will be prepared to begin work in laying the wires in the early part of spring, as was their intention. Of the several hundred plans submitted to them three-quarters have been found to be entirely inadequate, and several of the remaining quarter seriously defective in some points. Economy, as well as practicability, is what the commissioners are aiming at. A plan submitted last week consisted of a contuit beneath the sidewalks in the shape of a W. The invalued wires were to run throath small wooden grooves at convenient distances apart. This system would require an excavation of only two feet and the temporary displacement of the pavements. Fifteen hundred to 2,000 wires could be accommodated in the conduit, besides the more delicate telephone and burgular-aiarm wires, which would be placed in a separate part of the conduit. At every cross street a manhole would be constructed, so as to enable a person to get at the cross wires running in from side streets. The ease with which an imperfect wire could be removed and a new one substituted for it makes the system a good one, its advocates assert. The Electrical Subway Commissioners have

PAYMENTS BY THE LEGION OF HONOR.

Ironsides Council, No. 606. American Legion of Honor, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, James E. Furnell; vice-commander, O. H., Glies; past commander, George E. Trembey; orator, H. L. Eberle; segratary, Lewis Losse; collector, C. E. Bullock; treasurer, James C. Keicham; chaplain, James F. Beams; guide, James P. Smit; warden, John M. Andrews; tentry, David Eberle; trustees, George E. Trembly, C. H. Feck, Lewis Loser; representative to the Grand Council, Past Commander George E. Trembley. The new commander already has some twenty applications for membership in his hands to present at the next meeting.

Treasurer Ketcham made a report of his visit to the supreme treasurer, Newark, N. J. Since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1 the receipts have been \$977,758 91; disbursements \$969,500, on \$10 death orders. One assessment brings into the supremetreasurer's hands an average of \$107,000. The receipts since the date of organization in September, 1879, amount to \$6,491,020 05. There was paid to widows and orphans of deceased numbers \$6,206,676 21 up to PAYMENTS BY THE LEGION OF HONOR.

YACHTS THAT ARE BEING REPAIRED. The schooner yacht Carmelite has been on

day for Nassau.

The steam yacht Orienta is lying at Pfepzras's yard in Greenpoint being overhauled. She will have a new boiler, billet-head and bowsprit and her cabin will be entirely refurnished.

AT GENERAL GRANT'S TOMB. A bow of white and black silk ribbon, with a

WORKING IN THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

Yesterday was Yesterday was "Workingwomen's day a the Masonic Temple, where the Sanday afternoon meetings of the Manhaitan Temperance Association are held and the members of the Workingwomen's Protective Union and their friends crowled the hall to its utmost capacity. Daniel Waiferd, who was the organizer of the union, and who is prominently connected with the Manhaitan Temperance Association, addressed the meeting. The Rev. Stephen Merritt and Colonel Shackleford also spoke.

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Mrs. Emily M. McLanghlin, of Boston, addressed a large sudience on the "Barriers to Success" in the temperance cause, in Chickering Hail, yesterday afternson A special musical programme of Christmas songs and anthems was sung by the choir.

SEERING MONEY FOR THE GRANT MONUMENT Secretary Greener, of the Grant Monument
Association, writes that at a meeting of the association
it was decided to ask each member of it to make whatever contribution he might wish to give to the fund.
The Executive Committee wishes to get all the subscriptions possible from the General Committee before
January 1. The members of the General Committee are
invited to call at the office of the Executive Committee and make any suggestions that may occur to them for the benefit of the association's work.

FIRE COMMISSIONER WRITES AN ACROSTIC. Fire Commissioner Poillon, of Brooklyn, has had printed on cards and distributed throughout the city an elaborate series of directions for the careful use of lamps, matches, furnaces and gas to avoid the danger of fire. To more effectually call attention to the practical suggestions they are printed in the form of an acrostic, the initial letters of the sentences forming the words. Fire Department Suggestions," and these letters are made emphatic by being printed in bright red link. Mr. Polilon's term of office will expire on January 31. Fire Commissioner Poillen, of Brooklyn, has

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Collections were made in most of the city churches yesterday for the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association. In many of the churches a review of the work accomplished by the association was presented, and the value of the movement commended. The result of this year's collections will not be ascertained for several weeks. It requires some time for the collections from the different trade auxiliaries to be counted. The money is transferred to the treasurer. Charles Lanter, No. 26 Nasauest, and is reported by him at the January meeting of the association.

A SISTER RESTORES A DESERTING PROTUER A SISTER RESTORES A DESCRIPTION BROTHER.

Minnie Bedore, of No. 438 Sixth-ave., had her brother Oliver arrested by Officer Jager, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, on a charge of descriing from the United States war vessel New-Hampshire. The brother, who is only a ind, came to his sister on Saturday night ad asked for shelter. Justice O'Heilly. in Jefferson Market Court yesterday, directed that Oliver be taken to the Brooklyn Navy Yard in order that he might be returned to his vessel.

AN INJUNCTION AGAINST A RAILROAD. S. B. Duryea, a large property-owner in Futon-st. Brooklyn, who is strenuously opposed to the construction of an elevated road in that thereumhare, has secured a temporary lejunction restraining the construction of the kings County Company's structure in front of No. 425 Fulion-st., owned by him.

DID HE EAT TOO MUCH!

Mince pie is one of the relics of those semibetween times. Hot-weil it can absorb and conceal more heat and keep it longer than any other substance or combination of substances ever invented. And to direct it would throw a saw-mill out of gear. It is rank polson. A mince-pie was never known to be off the fire, It can gather in more heat to the square inch and than using. Otherwise the coolest looking piece will slip as ignoreantly into your ground as if it had been reduced to the most comfortable temperature, but when once in it fairly bursts into flames and stews the very water out of our eyes.
But this is not all the meanness of mines ple. After it

has burned and tortured its victim into taking a piedce never to touch it again, it gets in its line work on the digestive organs and will keep a tramp awake all night with indigestion. It is simply diabolical and should be relegated to the list of obsolete barburisms.

SMALL FOOTMEN IN FASHION. Now that horseback riding has been practi-Now that horseback riding has been practically abandoned by the ultra-fashionables, with the exception of those who live always here, devotees of this kind of exercise, and riding in dog-carts or high drays has taken its pince. The proper thing now is for the young belie to drive seated beside a diminutive footman. The latest style in footmen is to have a very small specimen. The day of the great, big, strapping footman and driver has gone past. The driver, unless he is a family heriloom, must be of average height, but inclined to be a trifle stout. Brunettes are preferred to blondes for carriago service, at least so says the authority.

formed. A similar inquiry in regard to Allen had been EMPLOYMENT OF CONVICTS. THE "PIECE-PRICE" PLAN IN NEW-JERSEY.

ITS SUCCESS SAID TO BE DEMONSTRATED BY THE STATE PRISON KEEPER-STATE TOPICS. [FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

TRENTON, Dec. 27 .- Mr. Laverty, State Prison keeper, has submitted his annual report to the Governor. He devotes considerable space to the discussion of the " piece-price" plan of convict labor, which went into operation in October, and which, from the novelty of the experiment, has attracted wide atten Mr. Laverty says that the "piece-price" plan was selected instead of the "public account" system, on account of the heavy outlay involved in the latter, and its disastrous results in other States. Although the "piece-price" plan had been in use to a limited extent in one or two penal institutions, there was little to guide the prison efficials in adopting it to the large number of convicts in the New-Jersey institution. Considerable experience in the manufacture of goods was also a requisite in obtaining profitable contracts, and this the inspectors did not have. They were forced, therefore, to trust a good deal to the contractors, nearly all of whom were auxious to renew their contracts. All but one of the contractors arranged their bids so that the convicts would produce as much for the Sate as under the old system (50 cents a day). The exception was the firm of Downs & Finch, who employ 300 convicts an three different industries. This contract was so arranged that the earnings of the convicts were reduced nearly onehalf, and the State authorities were evidently misled. Neither the keeper nor Governor Abbett has attached his signature to this contract as yet. Mr. Laverty says that it is to be regretted that, in view of the experimental nature of the work, the contracts were awarded for four years, or that a clause was not inserted in each contract stipulating that bidders should guarantee that each convict should earn at least 50 cents a day. These, Mr. Laverty says, are the errors of inexperience, and when they are rectified it will be apparent to all that the "Hece-price" system is an uniqualified success and an important step toward solving the convict labor problem. A number of new industries have been introduced, and it is now possible to find suitable employment for nearly all of them. The new system has also had a tendency to improve the prison discipline and make the convicts work more cheerfully than heretofore. "To sum up," says the keeper "the receipts of the institution would have been increased under the new system were it not that the authorities had been misled by the bid of Downs & Finch. This, however, is not the fault of the system." The keeper's fears that the system would entail large cost upon the State have not been realized. The convicts were idle for about three months, between the abandonment of the old contracts and the adoption of the "piece price" plan, and a new shop has been constructed at a cost of \$15,000, and these facts caused a larger deficiency than usual.

The law distinctly requires him, Mr. Laverty says,

to confine the prisoners in separate cells, but us a matter of fact there are only 700 ceils for 900 convicts. Obetience to the law, therefore, is impossible, and he urges that greater accommedations should be provided or the law repealed. Sanitary considerations also demand some changes in the prison construction. The keeper's report will be generally regarded as among the most

law repealed. Sanitary considerations also demand some changes in the prison construction. The keeper's report will be generally regarded as among the most important as well as interesting 5tate documents of the year. The convet lator agitation which began in the New Jersey Levislature over five years ago, met carriy and hearty response, and the opposition to convict competition attained a strength which resulted first in prohibiting the manufacture of hate; then in requiring that not more than 100 convlets should be employed in any one trade, and finally in abolishing the contract system. The 'pieces price' plan has now received the approval of so good an authority as the keeper, and the outcome of it all secies to be that competition with honest labor has been restricted to marrow limits, without causing a permanent decrease in the 'tate revenues from the prison.

The Legislature will be asked early in the approaching session to appropriate at least \$50,000 toward remaiding the burned front of the Capitol. The estimated cost of replacing the structure as it was before the fire was between \$20,000 and \$30,000, and the intention of the Legislature in appropriating \$50,000 last whiter was to have the work done. Etther the estimates were much mistaken, or the Rebuilding Commission has failed to carry out fustructions; for enough has been done to shew that the original appropriation will not go far toward putting the building in habitatic shape. The debates on the subject, probably, will be spiced with considerable criticism.

Other topics of legislation will be the Staten Island bridge question, the reduction of the rate of interest to 5 per cent, the temperance question, the reformant of the judicial system, the reduction of the rate of interest to 5 per cent, the temperance question, the reformant of the judicial system, the reduction of the rate of interest to 5 per cent, the temperance question, the reformance of the probable demands, they should be compeled by legislative casciment. The staten Island bri'ge

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The Legislature will meet on January 12.

THE CONNECTICUT SPEAKERSHIP.

COLONEL TIRBITTS TO HAVE THE PLACE-REPORT OF THE LABOR COMMISSIONER.

[FROM THE REGULAR CORDESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] Hartford, Dec. 27.-Full credit has been given in the Republican newspapers to Mr. Hubbard, of Middletown, the so-called "farmers' candidate" for the Speakership, for his good qualities as a man, but there has never been any serious thought in any quarter of making him speaker. He may get a few votes in the caucus. The nominee will be, beyond a coubt, Colonel John A. Tibbitts, of New-London, who has a record of which any man might be proud. He enlisted in the army of the Union at the opening of the civil war, when he was only sixteen years of age, and served until the he was only saled with the was severely wounded at Gettysburg and was also badly wounded at Petersburg. For his bravery in battle he was promoted from the ranks, and for gallantry was breveted major. Upon his return he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in New-London County. In the official service of the State he obtained the military rank of colonel. He has been clerk of both houses of the Legislature, and been an active and use ful man in all public affairs. While cogaged in the practice of law he has edited The New London Day, a thorough-going Republican newspa-per, though at present his law duties take nearly his whole time. Just before Governor Waller went to London ne formed a partnership with Mr. Tibbitts, who, with the Governor's eldest son, manages the large business of the firm. In all political campaigns Mr. Tibbitts has been at the front as a vigorous speaker. He was in indiana hast year and made some forty or fifty speeches, nearly twice a day while he was there, and received the highest compinions to from the Republican State Committee. While his good record is sufficient to entitle him to recognition by his party in the Legislature, yet beyond that he is generally admitted to be the best equipped man for the Speakership in the House.

How the workingmen of the State, who are in the labor organizations, will be able to justify themselves in any advance criticism of Mr. Hadley's first report as Commissioner of the new Bureau of Labor Statistics, is a matter of some public curiosity just now. He has stated their whole case with extreme fairness and stands by them in many times which they themselves have not probably directed as a part of their needs. The report is full ef suggestions of which they themselves have not probably directed as a part of their needs. The report is full ef suggestions of which they themselves have not probably directed as a part of their needs. The report is full ef suggestions of which the Legislature will be wise to notice. He has laid the ground work of a strong progressive movement in the direction of genome labor reform: but he furnishes no place for the countenance of demacours and shysters who travel about as alleged representatives of the workingman. whole time. Just before Governor Waller went to Lon-

A CALIFORNIA LIZARD'S QUEER TRICK.

A CALIFORNIA LIZARD'S QUEER TRIOR.

"There are some curious cases among the geckus said a Los Angeles country naturalist. Here is one, dead, that is called the leaf tabled gecku. You see the tail bulkes out soon after leaving the body, and assumes a leaf or arrow shape; hence the mano of the animal. Now, when the little creature is chased you will see it dodge around a limb and hold up the curious leaf-like tail. That is all that you can see, and so, naturally, would think it a part of the tree itself. But this lizard has a more remarkable method of escape yet. We will imagine that you have tried to pluck the leaf. The animal drops clausiff to the ground and darts away among the rocks, where it attracts the attention of some of the hawks that are forever prowling around, immediately a chase ensues; the bird gains, and is finally about to pounce upon its prey, when all at once two lizards appear, one making off, while the other dances up and down into the air and along the ground in a very mysterious way, so that the astonished birds tops and looks. In the meantime the original lizard escapes; the other, that is really the tail, soon becomes quescent. You see the gecko has the faculty of throwing off its tail when hard pressed, and while the pursuer's attention is drawn to the squirming member the animal itself escapes."

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"But it loses its tall I" suggested the reporter.
"Only for a time. They can reproduce this organ, as curiously enough, sometimes two talls are producinstead of one."

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S CHRISTMAS PURCHASES,

New-York Dispatch to The Cheinati Enquirer.

Colonel Dan Lamont, the President's private secretary, was here to-day buying Christmas presents. He had a number of commissions for the President. Judging from the stores he visited and the character of the packages that went back on the train with him, many of the purchases were suitable gifts from a backelor to the opposite sex.

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"But where are the seams! He can't pull a whole skin on over em when he gets em made, can he!"

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. Sun rises, 7.20 sets, 4.37 Mnon rims. — Moon's age, ds. 22 A.M. Sandy Hook, 0.45 Gov. [sixst, 1.21 Hell Gata, 8:10 P.M. Sandy Hook, 0.50 Gov. Islant, 1.21 Hell Gata, 8:10

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PORT OF NEW-YORK. SUNDAY, DEC. 27, 1885

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By order of the Lightnoise Board.

STEPHEN C. ROWAN,
Vice-Admiral U. S. Navy, Chairman,
Washington, DC, Dec 20, 1885.

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MISCELLANEOUS.
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and proceeded, without apparent damage.
THE MOVEMENTS OF SPEAMERS.

FOREIGN PORTS.
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PARA, Dec 24—Arrived, steamer Advance, Beers, Rio Janeir for New York via Bariadoes and St Thomas (and proceeded ASYRWALL, Dec 20—Salied, steamer Colon, Lina, for New York.

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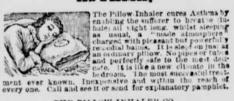
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